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FOREWORD

1. The **Economic Indicators** provide up-to-date information on changes in the domestic and external economic activities of the major non-Communist developed countries. To the extent possible, the **Economic Indicators** are updated from press ticker and Embassy reporting, so that the results are made available to the reader weeks—or sometimes months—before receipt of official statistical publications. US data are provided by US government agencies.

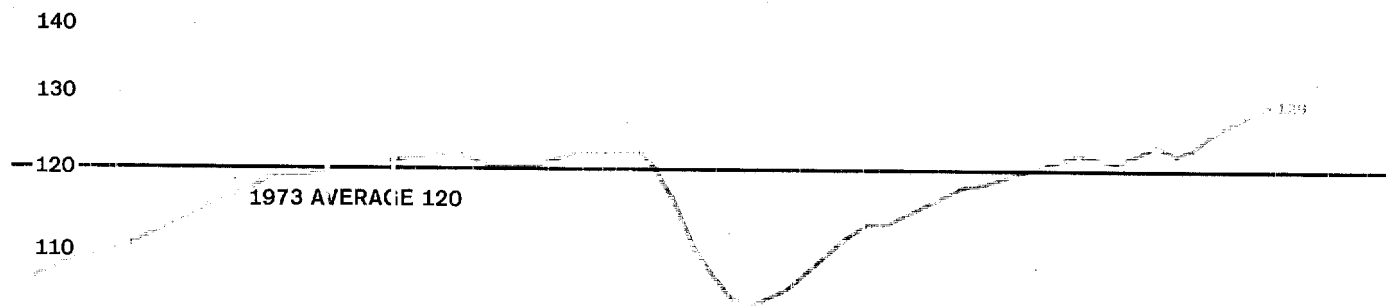
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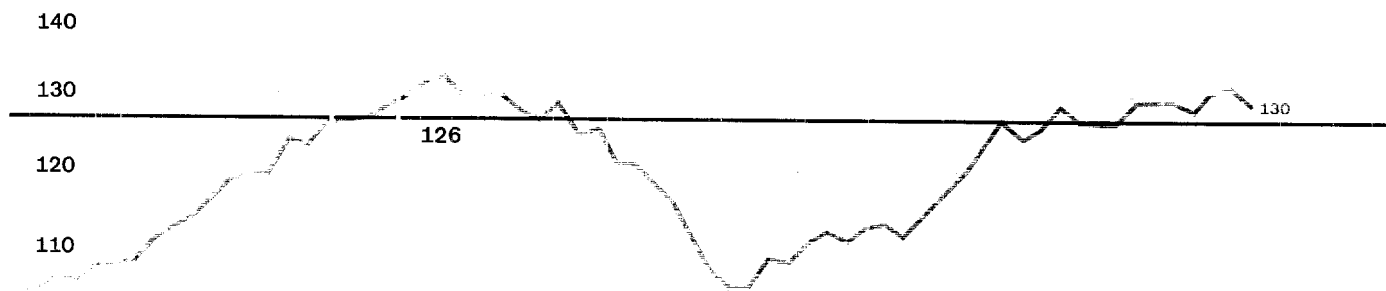
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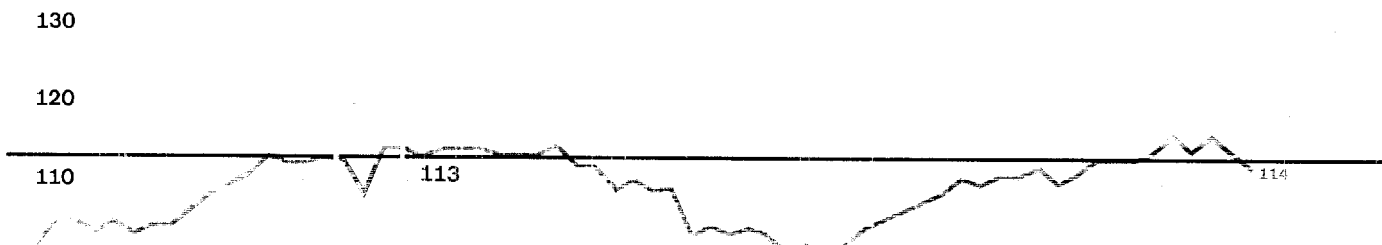
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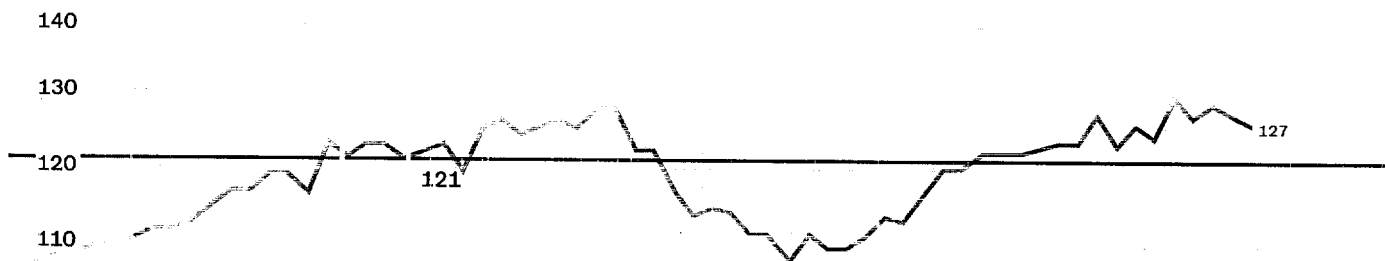
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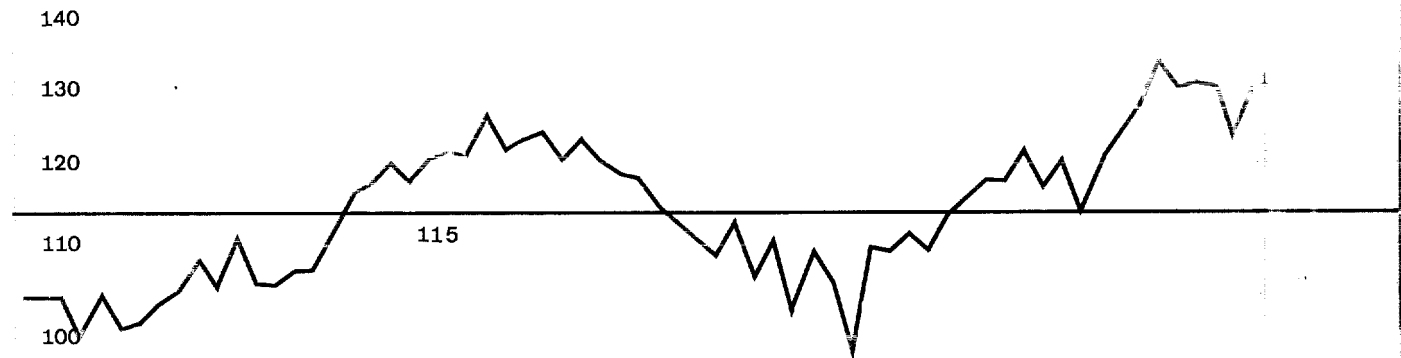


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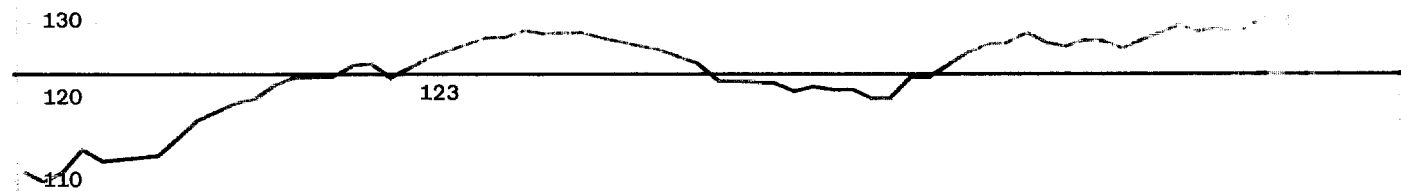
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Italy



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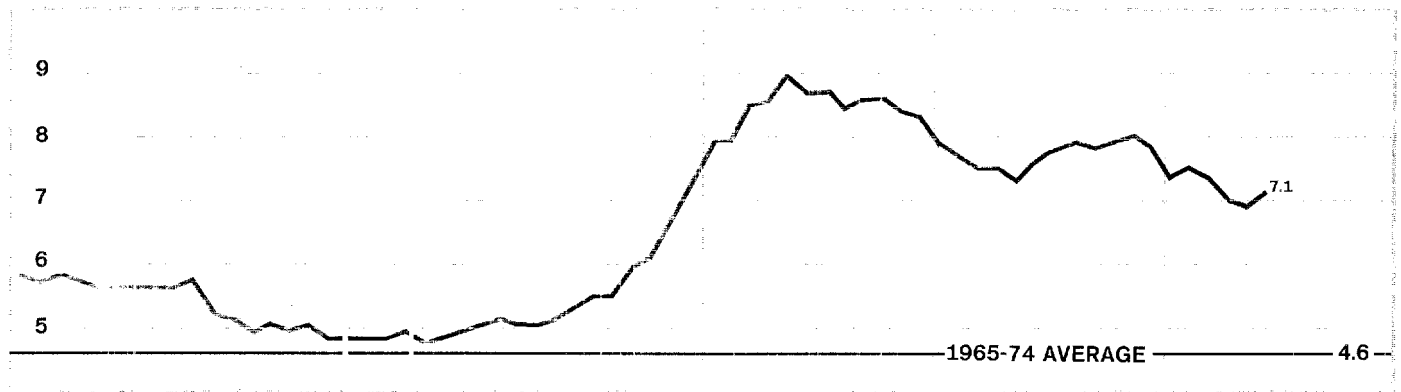


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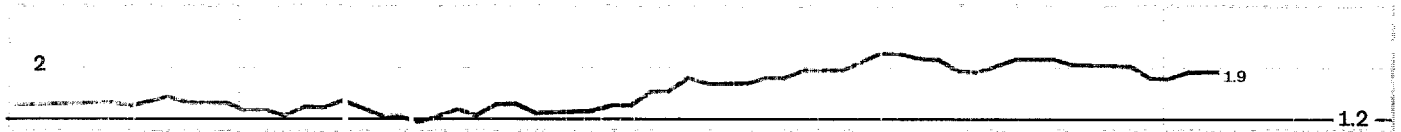
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United States	JUN 77	0.7	3.7	6.5	12.4	United Kingdom	MAY 77	1.7	0.8	-0.8	1.5
Japan	MAY 77	2.0	3.9	4.3	6.1	Italy	MAY 77	4.6	3.9	6	-10.6
West Germany	MAY 77	1.7	1.9	2.7	2.3	Canada	MAY 77	1.0	4.1	3	3.2
France	MAY 77	-0.8	3.5	4.1	3.2						

UNEMPLOYMENT PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE

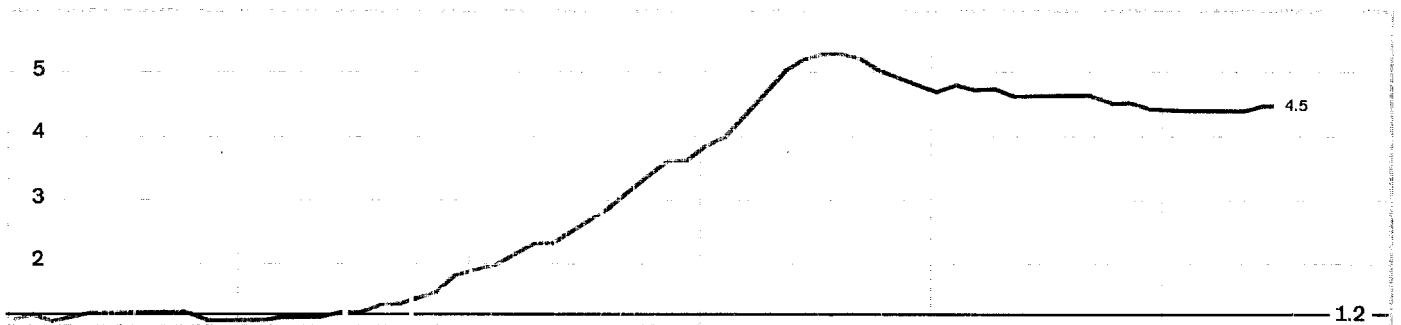
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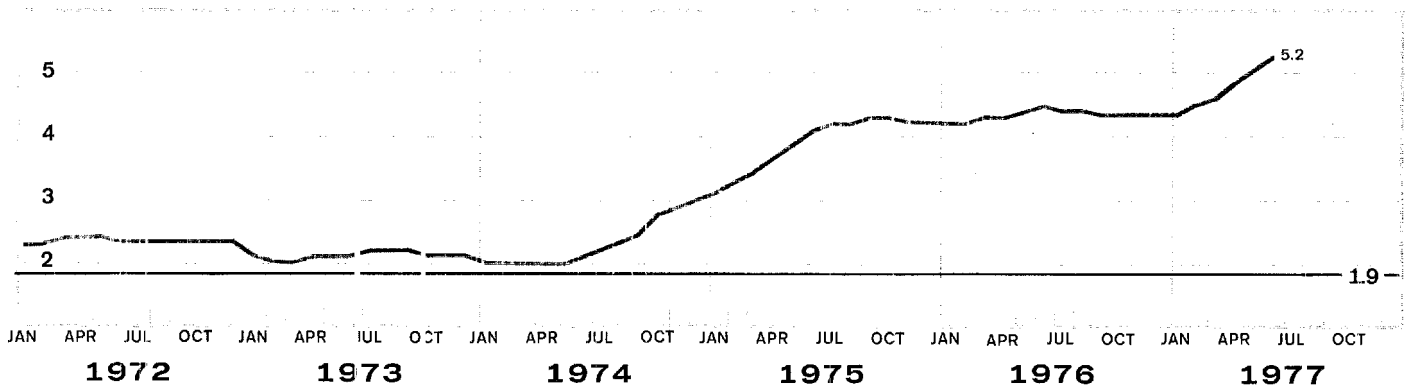
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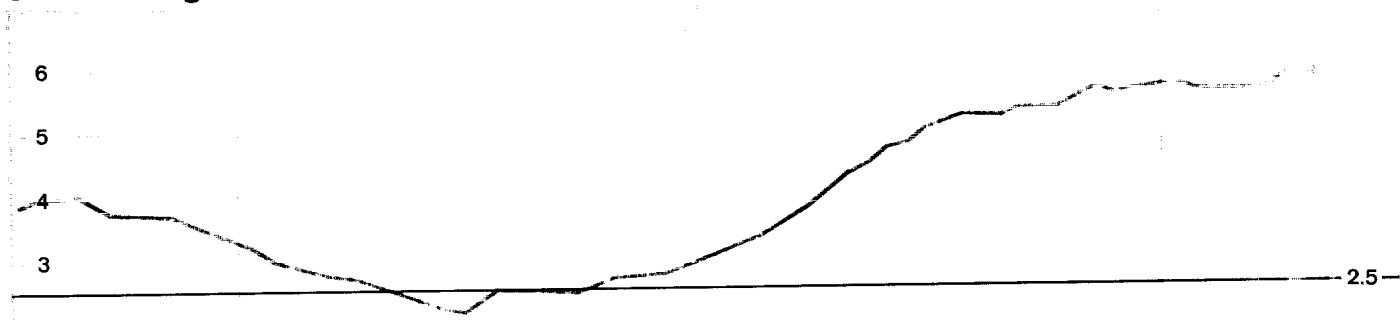
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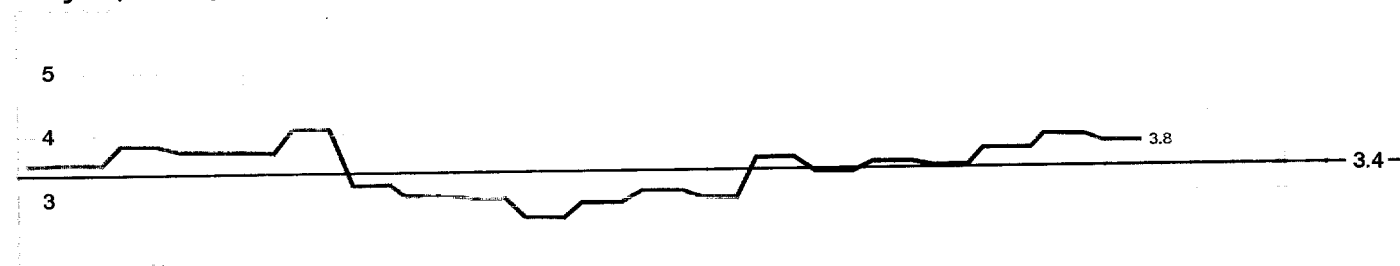
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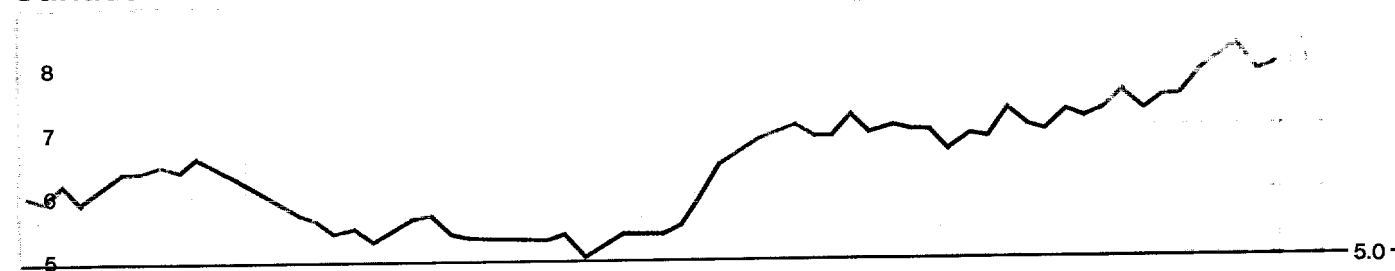
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Italy (quarterly)



Canada



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THOUSANDS OF PERSONS UNEMPLOYED

		LATEST MONTH	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier		LATEST MONTH	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	IUN 77	6,962	7,171	7,064	United Kingdom	JUL 77	1,394	1,289
Japan	APR 77	1,020	1,090	1,000	Italy	76 IV	777	699
West Germany	IUN 77	1,034	1,051	998	Canada	IUN 77	847	722
France	IUN 77	1,150	967	1,003				

NOTE: Data are seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rates for France are estimated. The rates shown for Japan, Italy and Canada are roughly comparable to US rates. For 1975-77, the rates for France and the United Kingdom should be increased by 5 percent and 15 percent respectively, and those for West Germany decreased by 20 percent to be roughly comparable with US rates.

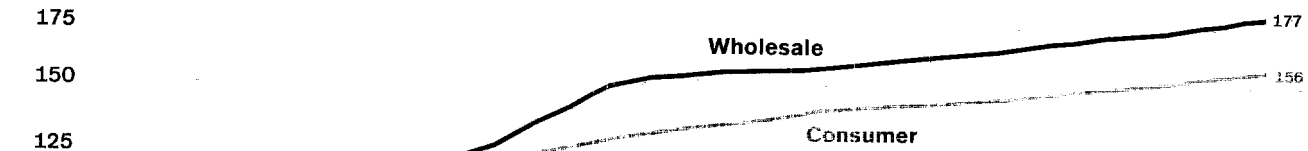
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DOMESTIC PRICES¹

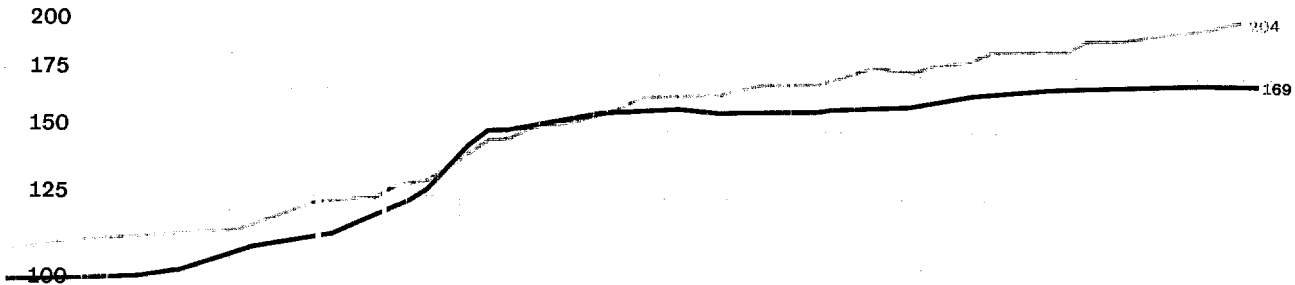
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United States

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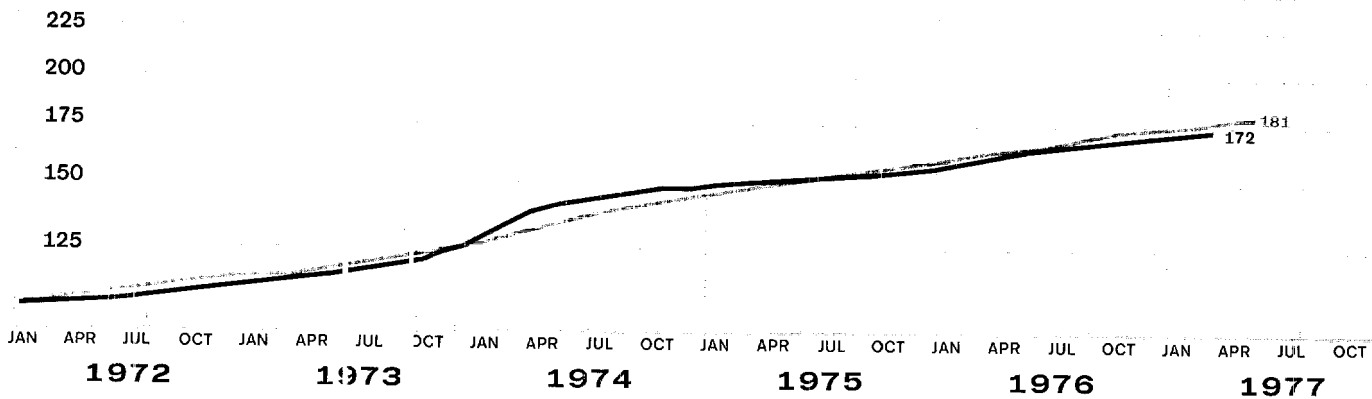
Japan



West Germany



France



¹Wholesale price indexes cover industrial goods.

United Kingdom

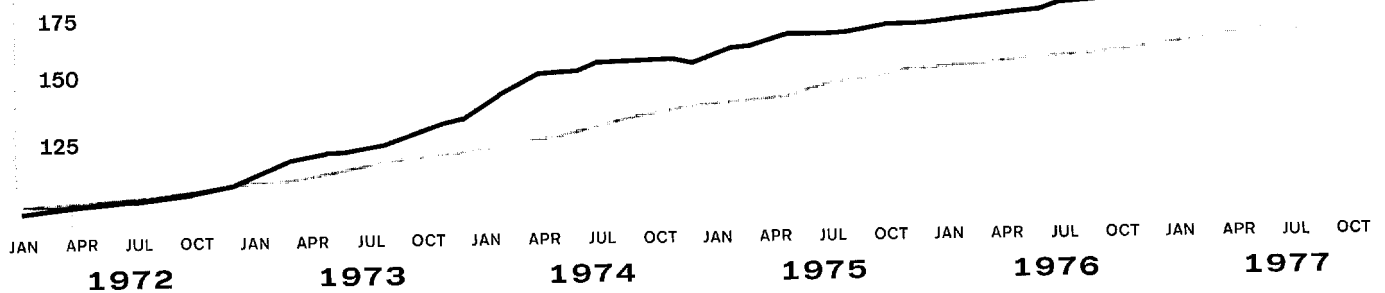
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Italy



Canada



	LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE				LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier				1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	JUN 77 JUN 77	0.2 0.7	8.5 6.6	7.3 6.9	6.4 6.3	United Kingdom	JUN 77 JUN 77	1.0 1.0	14.9 14.2	20.9 17.7	19.8 19.0
Japan	JUN 77 MAY 77	-0.2 0.9	7.9 10.9	2.6 9.3	-0.7 13.5	Italy	APR 77 JUN 77	0.7 0.9	16.1 13.3	18.8 20.7	13.5 13.7
West Germany	MAY 77 JUN 77	0.1 0.5	5.4 5.7	3.1 4.0	3.1 5.6	Canada	APR 77 JUN 77	0.3 0.7	10.2 7.5	10.1 7.7	11.3 8.7
France	MAR 77 MAY 77	0.9 0.9	8.4 9.0	8.2 9.8	7.6 13.1						

GNP¹

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RETAIL SALES¹
Constant Market Prices

	Latest Quarter	Percent Change from Previous Quarter	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
United States	77 II	1.6	3.2	4.7	6.4
Japan	77 I	2.5	5.5	4.9	10.2
West Germany	76 IV	1.8	2.5	4.5	7.3
France	76 IV	0	3.9	4.9	0
United Kingdom	76 IV	2.1	2.0	2.6	8.8
Italy	76 IV	4.8	3.4	9.4	20.6
Canada	76 IV	-0.6	4.8	3.4	-2.5

¹ Seasonally adjusted.

Constant Prices

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
United States	May 77	0.4	3.6	8.5	8.7
Japan	Mar 77	-0.4	10.4	3.3	15.2
West Germany	Apr 77	-7.5	1.5	-1.8	-3.4
France	May 77	-1.1	-1.4	-7.1	-13.2
United Kingdom	Jun 77	0.1	0.8	-2.6	-4.0
Italy	Mar 77	0.2	2.9	-0.3	16.3
Canada	May 77	-0.8	4.2	1.8	-13.6

¹ Seasonally adjusted.

² Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

FIXED INVESTMENT¹
Non-residential; constant prices

	Latest Quarter	Percent Change from Previous Quarter	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
United States	77 II	2.2	2.1	9.6	9.0
Japan	77 I	2.2	0.9	3.9	0.8
West Germany	76 IV	3.3	1.1	5.0	13.8
France	75 IV	3.8	4.2	2.9	40.1
United Kingdom	77 I	-2.4	-0.2	2.0	-9.2
Italy	76 IV	10.6	3.1	15.7	49.6
Canada	76 IV	11.5	6.8	5.1	38.7

¹ Seasonally adjusted.

WAGES IN MANUFACTURING¹

	Latest Period	Percent Change from Previous Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
United States	May 77	0.8	7.5	7.8	7.3
Japan	Apr 77	-0.2	17.3	9.4	12.6
West Germany	77 I	4.0	9.6	7.7	17.1
France	77 I	2.3	14.1	13.9	9.5
United Kingdom	May 77	0.5	15.8	4.1	3.8
Italy	Apr 77	0.3	20.5	34.9	38.2
Canada	Apr 77	0.8	11.4	11.6	13.4

¹ Hourly earnings (seasonally adjusted) for the United States, Japan, and Canada; hourly wage rates for others. West German and French data refer to the beginning of the quarter.

² Average for latest 3 months compared with that for previous 3 months.

MONEY MARKET RATES

				Percent Rate of Interest		
Representative rates		Latest Date		1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	1 Month Earlier
United States	Commercial paper	Aug 3	5.49	5.38	5.05	5.38
Japan	Call money	Aug 5	5.75	7.25	5.13	5.63
West Germany	Interbank loans (3 months)	Aug 3	4.06	4.50	4.50	4.27
France	Call money	Aug 5	8.63	9.13	9.00	8.63
United Kingdom	Sterling interbank loans (3 months)	Aug 3	7.55	11.14	7.73	7.72
Canada	Finance paper	Aug 3	7.34	9.40	7.55	7.19
Eurodollars	Three-month deposits	Aug 3	6.11	5.70	5.66	5.25

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EXPORT PRICES US \$

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	Mar 77	0.8	10.1	6.5	3.5
Japan	Apr 77	1.7	11.0	18.4	14.7
West Germany	May 77	1.0	11.5	12.1	6.6
France	May 77	0.9	11.3	7.1	3.6
United Kingdom	Jun 77	0.4	10.7	15.0	10.6
Italy	Mar 77	0.5	11.3	16.9	16.7
Canada	Apr 77	2.9	10.1	10.9	24.7

EXPORT PRICES National Currency

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	Mar 77	0.8	10.1	6.5	3.5
Japan	Apr 77	0.1	6.7	9.2	-7.3
West Germany	May 77	0.1	4.6	3.1	-1.7
France	May 77	0.6	9.5	12.8	1.3
United Kingdom	Jun 77	0.4	16.2	17.9	10.0
Italy	Mar 77	-1.1	16.8	22.9	17.1
Canada	Apr 77	2.9	8.5	7.2	7.1

IMPORT PRICES National Currency

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	Mar 77	2.7	14.0	9.5	22.3
Japan	Apr 77	-7.0	10.6	-4.1	-23.8
West Germany	May 77	-0.5	4.5	2.1	1.2
France	May 77	-0.5	10.5	17.4	2.5
United Kingdom	Jun 77	0.7	19.8	16.9	8.0
Italy	Mar 77	-1.9	21.2	24.6	25.8
Canada	Apr 77	1.1	9.3	8.5	10.3

OFFICIAL RESERVES

	Latest Month	Billion US \$			
		End of	Billion US \$	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	Apr 77	Apr 77	18.9	14.5	17.4
Japan	May 77	May 77	17.3	4.1	15.2
West Germany	May 77	May 77	34.3	8.8	33.6
France	Mar 77	Mar 77	9.8	4.4	11.1
United Kingdom	Jun 77	Jun 77	11.6	2.8	5.3
Italy	Sep 76	Sep 76	5.1	4.7	5.8
Canada	May 77	May 77	5.2	4.3	5.8

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE ¹

	Latest Period	Cumulative (Million US \$)			
		Million US \$	1977	1976	Change
United States ²	77 I	-4,317	-4,317	540	-4,857
Japan	May 77	120	2,237	409	1,828
West Germany	Jun 77	340	2,201	1,894	307
France	77 I	-1,660	-1,660	-1,316	-345
United Kingdom	77 I	-502	-502	-466	-36
Italy	76 IV	-882	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Canada	77 I	-1,624	-1,624	-1,911	287

¹ Converted to US dollars at the current market rates of exchange.

² Seasonally adjusted.

BASIC BALANCE ¹

Current and Long-Term-Capital Transactions

		Cumulative (Million US \$)			
	Latest				
	Period	Million US \$	1977	1976	Change
United States		No longer published ²			
Japan	May 77	-120	1,178	775	403
West Germany	May 77	-268	-612	1,110	-1,722
France	77 I	-1,351	-1,351	-2,015	663
United Kingdom	76 IV	-205	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Italy	76 III	779	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Canada	77 I	-583	-583	882	-1,465

¹ Converted to US dollars at the current market rates of exchange.

² As recommended by the Advisory Committee on the Presentation of Balance of Payments Statistics, the Department of Commerce no longer publishes a basic balance.

EXCHANGE RATES

Spot Rate As of 5 Aug 77

	US \$ Per Unit	Percent Change from			
		19 Mar 73	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	29 Jul 77
Japan (yen)	0.0038	-1.13	10.17	4.27	0.13
West Germany (Deutsche mark)	0.4358	23.07	10.67	2.83	-0.16
France (franc)	0.2055	-6.74	2.47	1.82	0.15
United Kingdom (pound sterling)	1.7391	-29.33	-2.73	1.18	0.15
Italy (lira)	0.0011	-35.88	-5.10	0.62	0.09
Canada (dollar)	0.9332	-6.46	-7.72	-2.09	-0.20

TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE RATES ¹

As of 5 Aug 77

	Percent Change from			
	19 Mar 73	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	29 Jul 77
United States	5.72	0.26	-0.31	0.07
Japan	4.59	12.09	4.19	0.36
West Germany	26.39	7.17	1.90	-0.24
France	-7.51	-1.87	0.76	0.15
United Kingdom	-30.22	-5.45	0.54	0.18
Italy	-38.94	-9.34	-0.75	0.09
Canada	-4.49	-8.31	-2.46	-0.20

¹ Weighting is based on each listed country's trade with 16 other industrialized countries to which it exports among the major currencies.

Developed Countries: Direction of Trade ¹

Million US \$

	Exports to (f.o.b.)						Imports from (c.i.f.)					
	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC ²	Communist	Other	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC ²	Communist	Other
UNITED STATES												
1974	97,908	41,884	16,870	6,690	2,258	26,206	107,997	53,332	10,912	17,256	1,078	25,419
1975	107,191	46,941	16,180	10,768	3,421	29,881	103,414	49,807	8,818	18,371	1,253	25,165
1976	114,997	51,298	17,607	12,552	3,935	29,605	129,565	60,387	9,738	24,995	1,572	32,873
1st Qtr	27,360	12,184	4,159	2,751	1,144	7,122	29,339	13,717	2,479	5,570	356	7,217
2d Qtr	29,695	13,383	4,527	3,113	1,036	7,636	31,650	15,247	2,491	5,582	333	7,997
3d Qtr	27,437	11,944	4,114	3,103	850	7,426	33,734	16,693	2,401	7,156	423	7,061
4th Qtr	30,505	12,787	4,807	3,585	905	7,421	34,842	14,730	2,367	6,687	460	10,598
1977												
1st Qtr	29,453	13,681	4,602	3,602	951	7,162	37,361	16,070	2,745	8,324	397	9,825
Apr	10,543	4,686	1,613	1,080	352	2,817	13,249	5,714	873	3,060	152	3,450
JAPAN												
1974	54,480	15,101	7,477	5,446	3,915	18,541	62,046	18,780	7,303	19,965	3,119	12,879
1975	54,822	16,567	6,091	8,406	5,283	18,475	57,856	16,929	6,084	19,427	3,383	12,033
1976	67,364	22,406	8,588	9,277	5,049	22,044	64,895	17,534	7,778	21,877	2,926	14,780
1st Qtr	14,420	4,848	1,827	1,872	1,289	4,593	14,832	4,083	1,696	5,213	671	3,169
2d Qtr	16,431	5,402	2,092	2,271	1,348	5,318	15,903	4,347	1,943	5,400	677	3,536
3d Qtr	17,542	5,897	2,272	2,476	1,135	5,762	16,818	4,497	2,137	5,406	747	4,031
4th Qtr	18,962	6,259	2,397	2,659	1,277	6,370	17,342	4,607	2,002	5,858	831	4,044
1977												
1st Qtr	17,911	5,848	2,449	2,459	1,409	5,746	17,452	4,717	1,845	6,246	801	3,843
Apr	6,870	2,241	846	967	464	2,352	5,766	1,537	664	1,776	298	1,491
WEST GERMANY												
1974	89,183	30,998	37,605	4,268	6,884	9,433	68,962	23,762	26,079	8,406	3,209	7,506
1975	90,063	28,331	36,407	6,777	9,029	9,519	74,986	27,085	27,755	8,228	4,167	7,751
1976	101,980	33,372	41,720	8,231	8,575	10,091	88,230	31,008	31,351	9,718	5,050	11,103
1st Qtr	22,467	7,855	9,437	1,705	2,064	1,406	20,147	6,790	7,114	2,189	1,046	3,008
2d Qtr	24,570	8,147	10,019	1,832	1,771	2,801	21,571	7,478	7,778	2,222	1,127	2,966
3d Qtr	26,147	8,134	10,445	2,235	2,385	2,948	21,792	8,136	7,900	2,575	1,550	1,631
4th Qtr	28,803	9,236	11,819	2,459	2,355	2,936	24,720	8,604	8,559	2,731	1,327	3,499
1977												
1st Qtr	27,801	9,281	11,609	2,307	2,156	2,451	24,084	8,465	8,828	2,578	1,270	2,943
Apr	9,230	3,058	3,849	799	694	830	7,991	2,892	2,949	756	428	966
FRANCE												
1974	46,383	19,345	15,245	3,164	1,874	6,760	52,820	22,040	13,874	8,848	1,547	6,511
1975	53,003	19,959	15,183	4,952	3,094	9,817	54,238	23,040	14,350	9,448	1,591	5,809
1976	55,680	22,438	16,081	5,080	3,558	8,523	64,255	27,750	16,894	11,359	2,384	5,868
1st Qtr	13,630	5,524	3,921	1,240	917	2,037	15,529	6,567	4,157	2,817	595	1,393
2d Qtr	14,760	5,911	4,395	1,222	1,059	2,182	16,187	7,149	4,324	2,610	593	1,511
3d Qtr	12,400	4,922	3,446	1,292	729	2,020	14,840	6,431	3,733	2,746	577	1,352
4th Qtr	14,861	6,081	4,319	1,326	853	2,284	17,699	7,603	4,680	3,185	619	1,612
1977												
Jan-Feb	9,641	3,938	2,852	873	499	1,482	11,278	4,659	3,044	2,023	367	1,185
UNITED KINGDOM												
1974	37,160	11,765	17,006	2,567	1,197	4,625	54,510	18,272	18,253	8,020	1,849	8,116
1975	41,731	12,339	16,515	4,553	1,480	6,844	53,147	18,301	18,274	6,962	1,771	7,839
1976	46,350	14,026	17,803	5,132	1,625	7,768	56,224	19,332	19,271	7,291	2,240	8,090
1st Qtr	11,615	3,409	4,414	1,238	433	2,121	13,639	4,357	4,975	1,825	510	1,972
2d Qtr	11,560	3,531	4,379	1,254	422	1,974	14,133	5,058	4,626	1,738	590	2,121
3d Qtr	11,080	3,437	4,186	1,265	389	1,812	13,861	4,746	4,573	1,891	597	2,054
4th Qtr	12,080	3,649	4,821	1,376	381	1,861	14,591	5,171	5,097	1,836	543	1,944
1977												
1st Qtr	13,150	4,008	5,145	1,516	413	2,068	15,575	5,786	5,068	1,784	514	2,423
Apr	4,427	1,264	1,754	531	152	726	5,064	1,875	1,666	501	185	837

Developed Countries: Direction of Trade ¹
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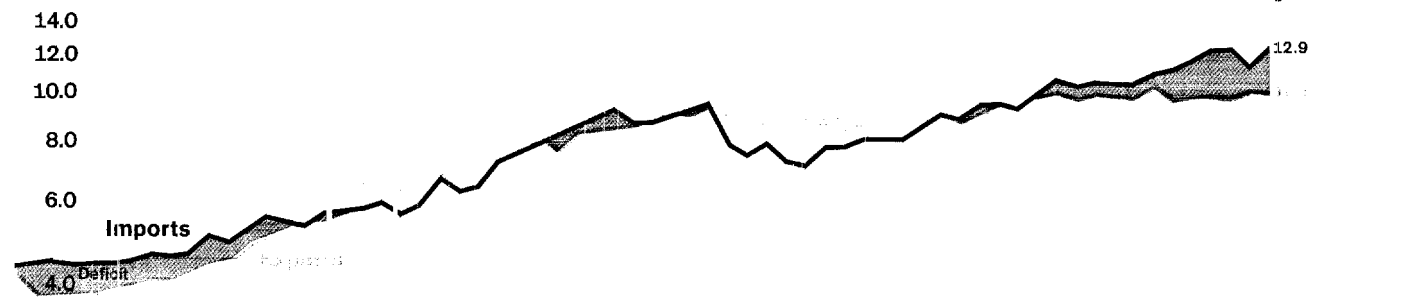
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	Exports to (f.o.b.)						Imports from (c.i.f.)					
	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC ²	Com-munist	Other ¹	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC ²	Com-munist	Other
ITALY												
1974	30,261	13,796	7,681	2,427	1,721	4,636	40,977	18,003	7,216	9,313	1,944	4,501
1975	34,230	15,345	7,468	3,710	2,895	4,812	37,793	17,072	6,367	6,993	2,304	5,057
1976	35,364	16,698	8,276	4,165	2,591	3,634	41,789	18,585	7,759	8,124	3,000	4,321
1st Qtr	7,398	3,513	1,713	811	597	764	9,092	4,063	1,708	1,816	608	897
2d Qtr	8,705	4,157	2,040	958	623	927	10,716	4,786	1,918	2,106	744	1,162
3d Qtr	9,398	4,505	2,191	1,056	656	990	10,335	4,497	1,860	2,029	792	1,157
4th Qtr	9,863	4,523	2,332	1,340	715	953	11,646	5,239	2,273	2,173	856	1,105
1977												
1st Qtr	9,668	4,520	2,264	1,236	655	993	11,299	4,964	2,130	2,166	720	1,319
CANADA												
1974	32,904	27,092	2,004	548	659	2,601	33,309	26,727	1,777	2,698	257	1,850
1975	32,201	26,582	1,689	700	1,153	2,077	35,435	27,887	1,621	3,174	310	2,443
1976	36,840	30,783	2,077	928	1,259	1,793	38,705	31,118	2,034	3,154	369	2,030
1st Qtr	8,422	7,103	381	167	328	443	9,404	7,572	473	868	87	404
2d Qtr	9,964	8,408	480	184	346	546	10,244	8,174	683	930	96	361
3d Qtr	9,112	7,465	576	270	349	452	9,378	7,417	473	715	96	677
4th Qtr	9,342	7,807	640	307	236	352	9,679	7,955	405	642	90	587
1977												
1st Qtr	9,670	8,201	524	230	231	484	10,025	8,164	406	772	90	593

¹ Data are unadjusted. Because of rounding, components may not add to the totals shown.² Including Gabon.

FOREIGN TRADE: BILLION US \$, f.o.b., seasonally adjusted

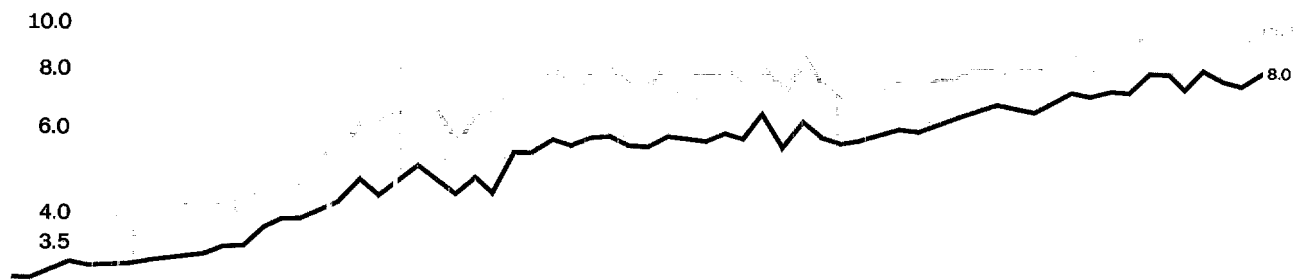
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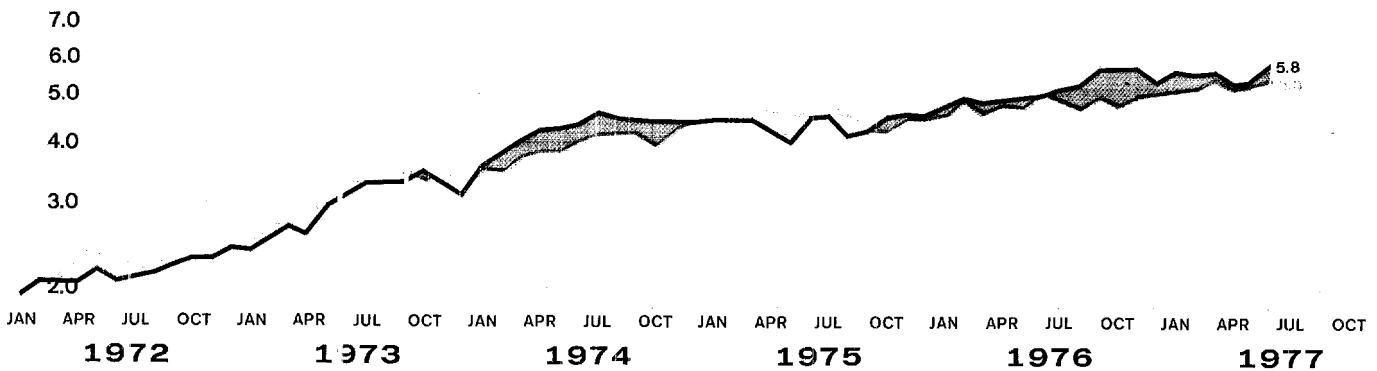
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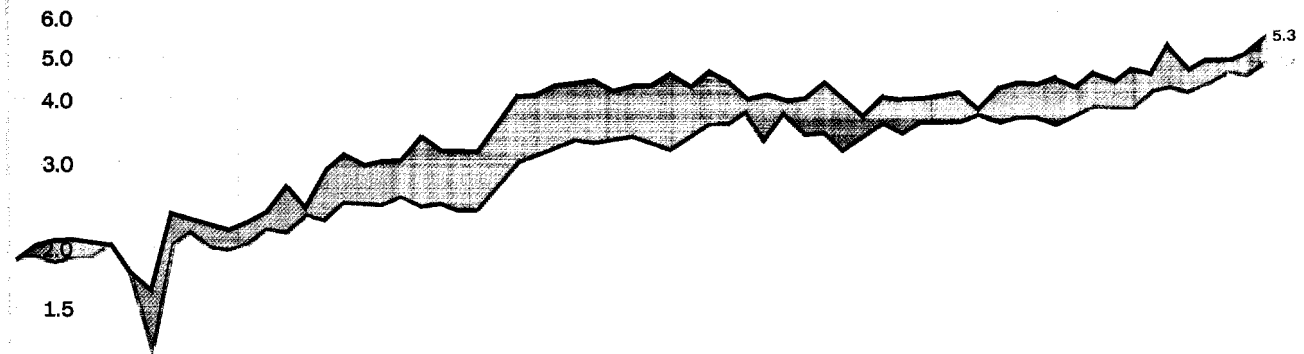


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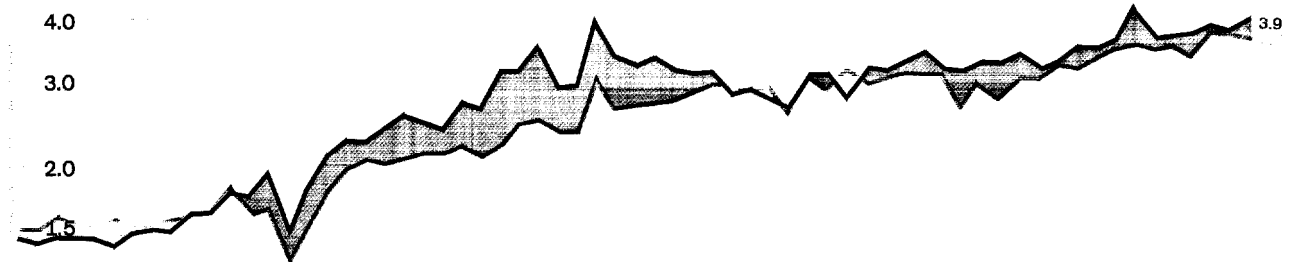


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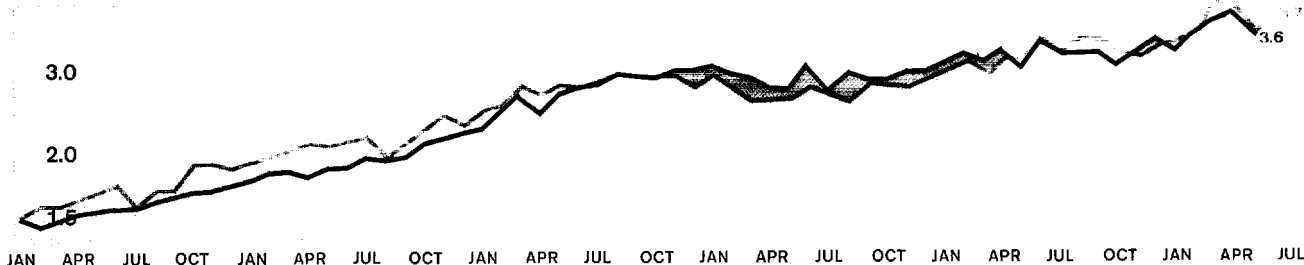
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Italy



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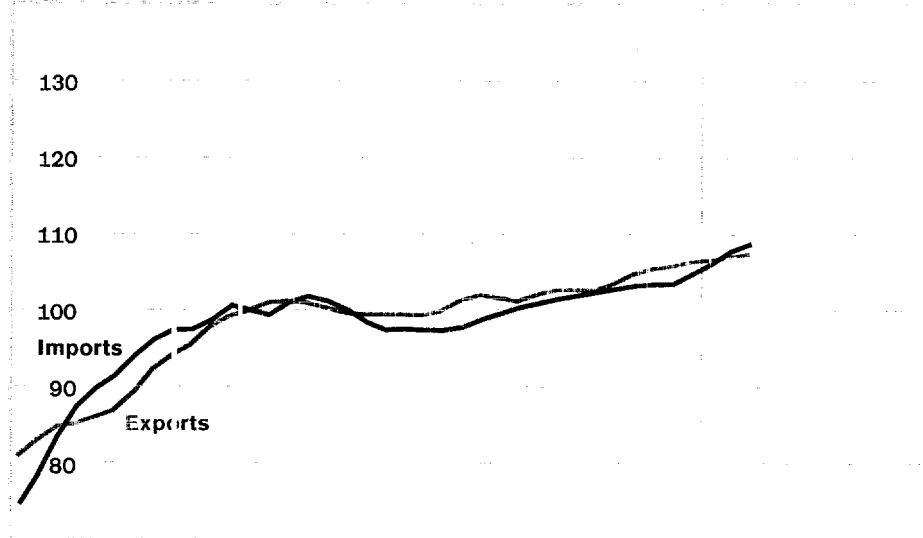
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			1977	1976	CHANGE				1977	1976	CHANGE
United States	JUN 77	10,112	59,955	55,690	7.7%	United Kingdom	JUN 77	4,672	26,382	24,000	21.8%
	Balance	12,932	72,543	56,482	28.4%		Balance	5,274	29,295	24,466	19.7%
Japan	MAY 77	6,231	32,360	26,222	23.4%	Italy	MAY 77	3,591	17,701	14,157	25.0%
	Balance	5,135	25,290	21,680	16.7%		Balance	3,875	18,709	15,975	17.1%
West Germany	JUN 77	9,938	56,659	47,948	18.2%	Canada	MAY 77	3,719	22,475	18,704	19.7%
	Balance	8,006	46,594	39,424	18.2%		Balance	3,628	17,998	15,597	15.4%
France	JUN 77	5,321	31,139	28,085	10.9%			-51	732	-240	972
	Balance	5,791	32,807	28,784	14.0%						
	Balance	-469	-1,668	-699	-969						

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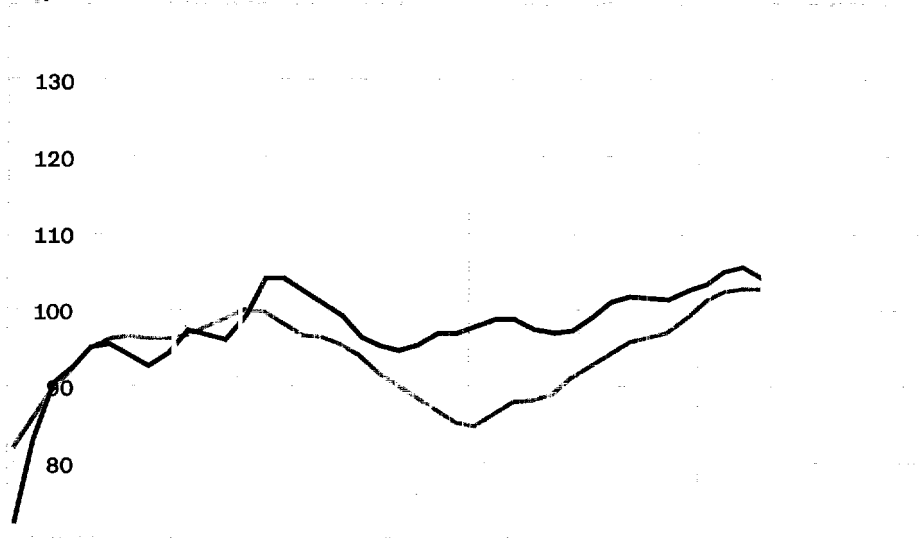
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FOREIGN TRADE PRICES IN US \$¹

United States

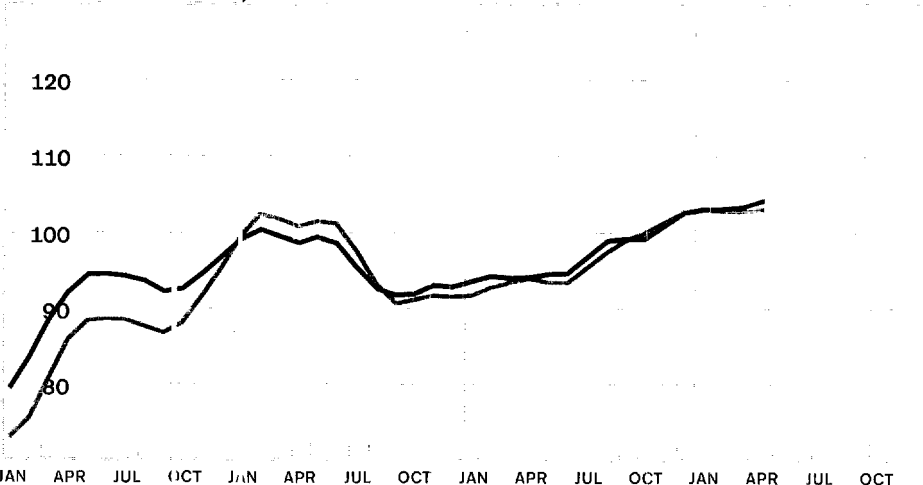
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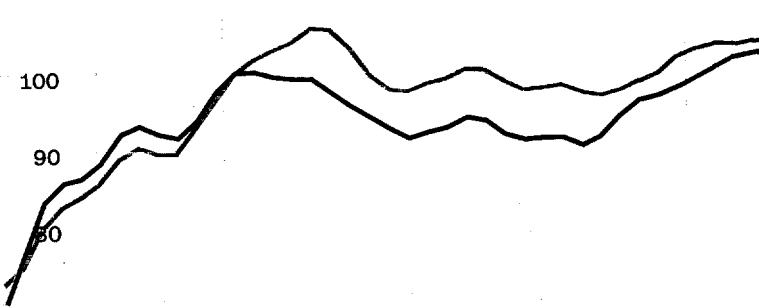


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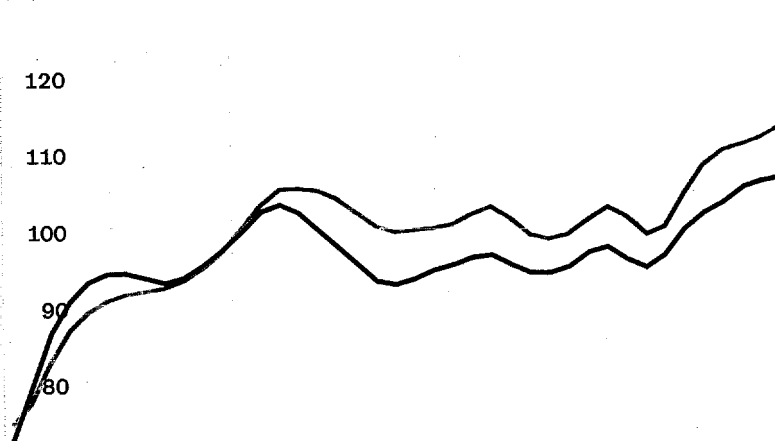
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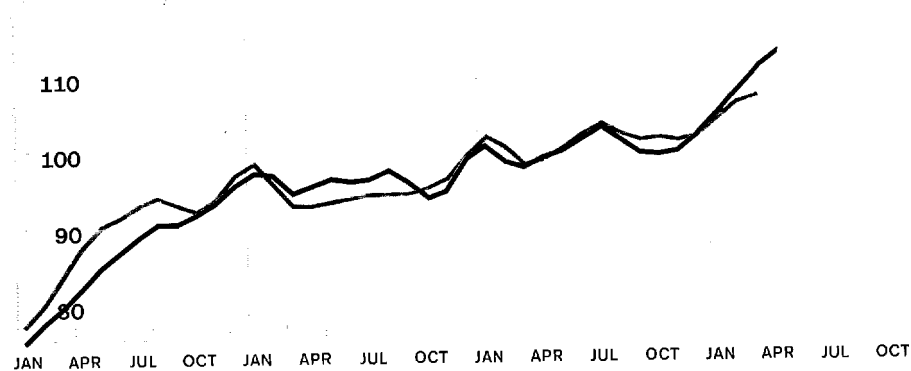
United Kingdom



Italy



Canada



SELECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ¹

	Latest Period	Percent Change from Previous Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			Percent Change		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
Brazil	76 II	1.1	11.0	10.7	0.4
India	Oct 76	1.2	4.2	6.7	-12.6
South Korea	May 77	1.2	21.6	11.4	3.9
Mexico	Feb 77	3.2	5.2	-1.5	-7.4
Nigeria	76 IV	0.2	11.3	9.0	0.7
Taiwan	Apr 77	1.9	14.9	12.7	-8.4

¹ Seasonally adjusted.

² Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

MONEY SUPPLY ¹

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			Percent Change		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
Brazil	Jan 77	-3.1	35.5	28.2	49.6
Egypt	Feb 77	5.1	18.3	22.7	22.3
India	Jan 77	1.2	12.2	18.3	19.9
Iran	Feb 77	0.9	28.2	35.2	11.0
South Korea	Apr 77	4.5	31.1	34.6	61.3
Mexico	Jun 76	-0.3	17.0	16.6	19.6
Nigeria	Feb 77	5.9	35.9	54.8	65.1
Taiwan	Mar 77	-0.2	24.4	21.2	24.0
Thailand	Feb 77	4.0	13.6	17.1	12.9

¹ Seasonally adjusted.

² Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

CONSUMER PRICES

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since	
			Percent Change	
			1970	1 Year Earlier
Brazil	Apr 77	3.3	26.6	44.4
India	Feb 77	1.0	8.2	6.9
Iran	Feb 77	2.6	11.3	26.2
South Korea	Jun 77	1.0	14.6	10.1
Mexico	Jun 77	1.2	14.7	32.5
Nigeria	Jan 77	4.5	15.0	13.5
Taiwan	May 77	0.4	10.4	3.0
Thailand	Jan 77	0.6	8.3	3.6

WHOLESALE PRICES

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since	
			Percent Change	
			1970	1 Year Earlier
Brazil	Apr 77	4.3	27.3	45.9
India	Feb 77	1.8	9.4	10.3
Iran	Feb 77	3.3	10.8	24.1
South Korea	Jun 77	0.8	16.6	9.1
Mexico	Jun 77	1.0	16.5	51.0
Taiwan	May 77	0	9.2	4.4
Thailand	Jan 77	0.7	9.9	-0.2

EXPORT PRICES

US \$

	Latest Period	Percent Change from Previous Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since	
			Percent Change	
			1970	1 Year Earlier
Brazil	Oct 76	-0.4	14.5	26.5
India	Sep 76	-3.8	9.2	6.4
Iran	Apr 77	0	37.0	18.7
South Korea	76 IV	2.4	8.9	15.0
Nigeria	May 76	-0.1	33.2	8.2
Taiwan	May 77	0.4	12.3	9.4
Thailand	Oct 76	12.0	13.1	6.3

OFFICIAL RESERVES

Million US \$

	Latest Month	End of Month	Million US \$	Average Annual Growth Rate Since	
				Percent Change	
				1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
Brazil	Feb 77		5,873	1,013	3,667
Egypt	Feb 77		377	155	285
India	Feb 77		3,481	1,006	1,837
Iran	May 77		11,460	208	8,628
South Korea	Apr 77		3,247	602	1,772
Mexico	Mar 76		1,501	695	1,479
Nigeria	May 77		4,740	148	6,087
Taiwan	Apr 77		1,289	531	1,146
Thailand	May 77		2,005	978	1,903

FOREIGN TRADE, f.o.b.

			Latest 3 Months Percent Change from		Cumulative (Million US \$)		
			3 Months	1 Year	1977	1976	Change
	Latest Period		Earlier ¹	Earlier			
Brazil	Apr 77	Exports	-1.2	38.6	13,904	11,244	23.7%
	Apr 77	Imports	-11.5	-1.1	16,077	16,064	0.1%
	Apr 77	Balance			-2,173	-4,821	2,648
Egypt	76 IV	Exports	-97.9	-47.8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	76 IV	Imports	-93.5	-54.7	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	76 IV	Balance			N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
India	Feb 77	Exports	13.7	10.6	5,905	5,095	15.9%
	Feb 77	Imports	26.3	8.7	5,268	6,227	-15.4%
	Feb 77	Balance			637	-1,132	1,769
Iran	Apr 77	Exports	-0.5	21.6	31,961	26,938	18.6%
	Nov 76	Imports	-37.0	9.8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Nov 76	Balance			N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
South Korea	Mar 77	Exports	-25.0	44.3	9,769	6,369	53.4%
	Mar 77	Imports	-1.4	26.7	10,009	8,216	21.8%
	Mar 77	Balance			-240	-1,847	1,607
Mexico	Apr 77	Exports	56.8	41.8	4,756	3,936	20.8%
	Apr 77	Imports	-41.0	-20.0	7,290	8,220	-11.3%
	Apr 77	Balance			-2,534	-4,284	1,750
Nigeria	Apr 77	Exports	-25.0	5.2	13,706	11,320	21.1%
	Dec 76	Imports	-1.4	6.6	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Dec 76	Balance			N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Taiwan	May 77	Exports	2.6	17.5	11,519	8,305	38.7%
	May 77	Imports	51.7	21.7	10,091	8,199	23.1%
	May 77	Balance			1,427	105	1,322
Thailand	Dec 76	Exports	70.1	50.0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Feb 77	Imports	24.6	25.9	3,853	3,461	11.3%
	Dec 76	Balance			N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

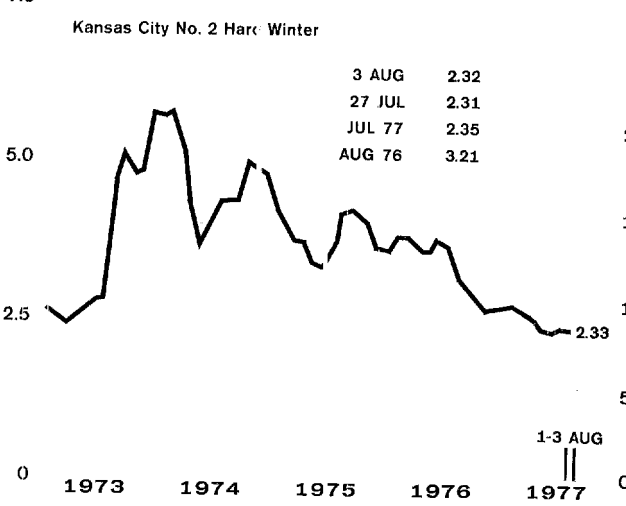
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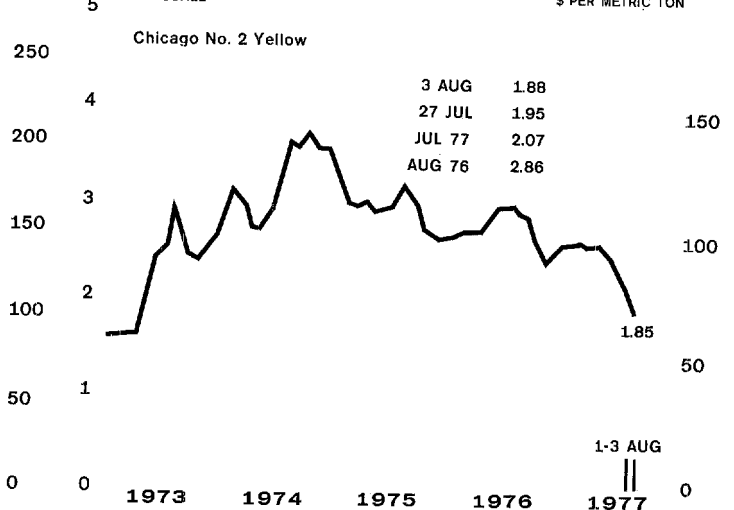
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\$ PER BUSHEL



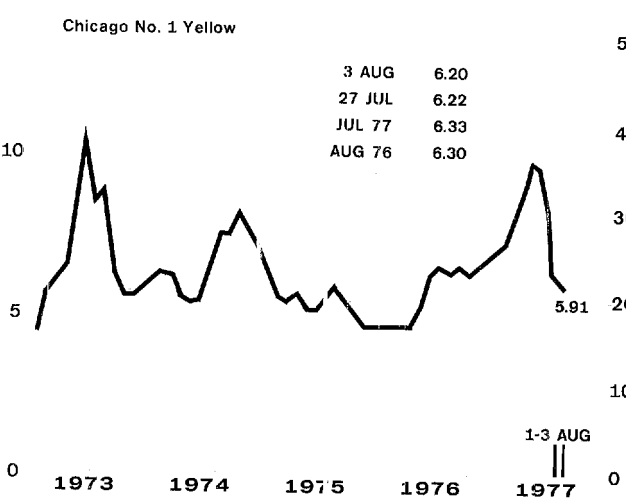
CORN

\$ PER BUSHEL



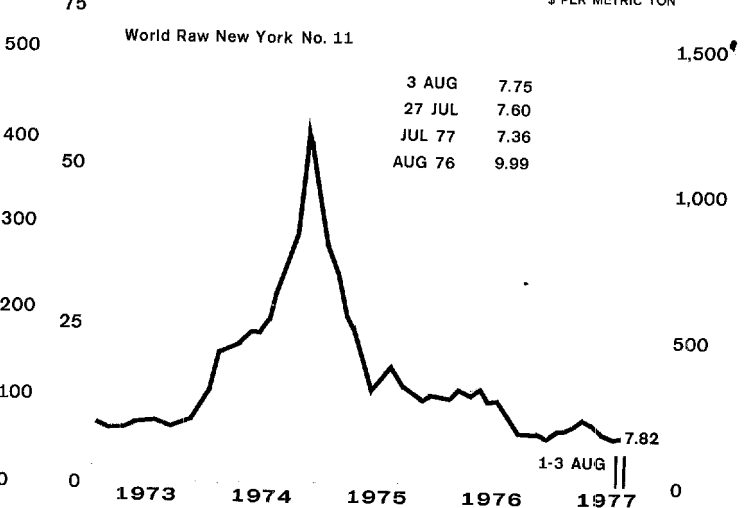
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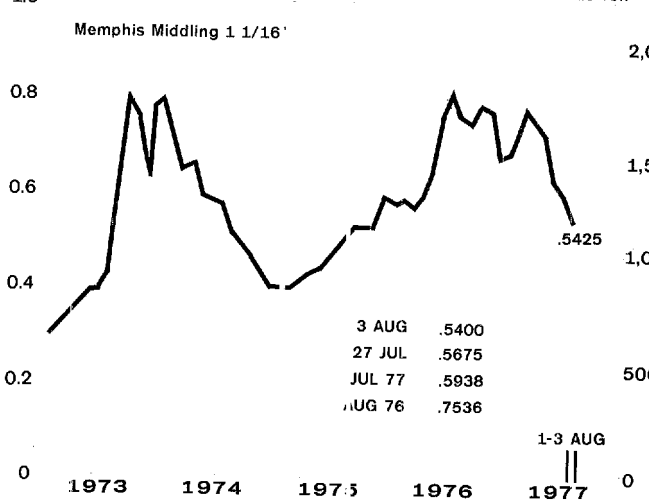
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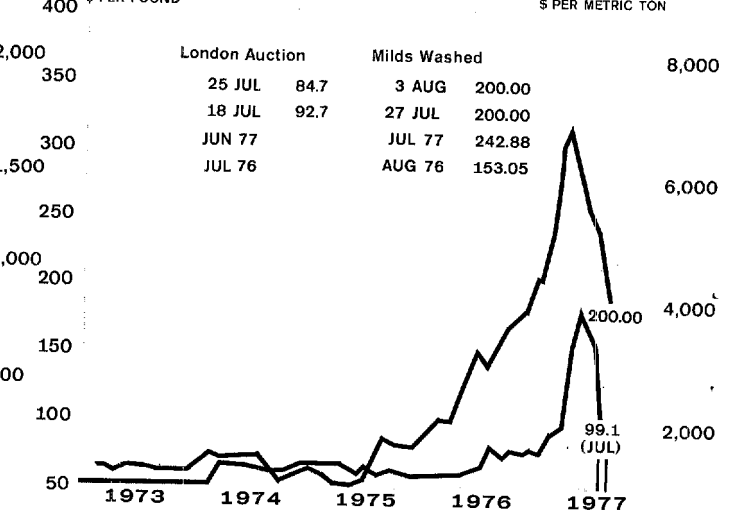
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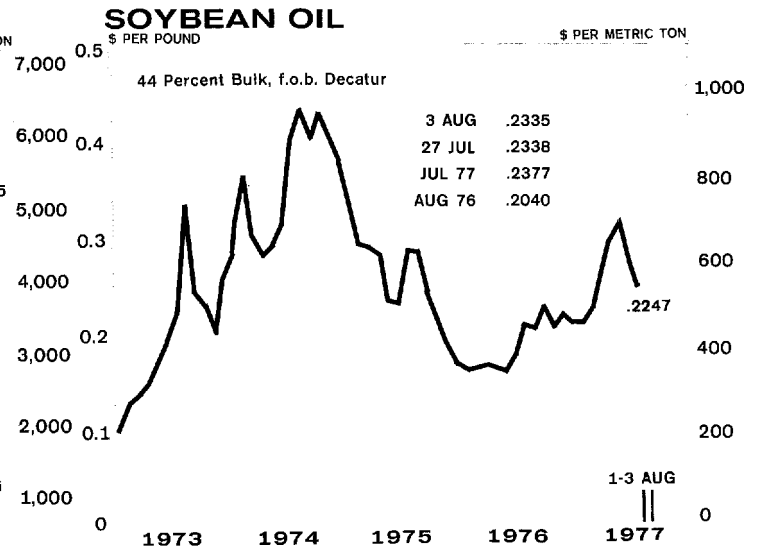
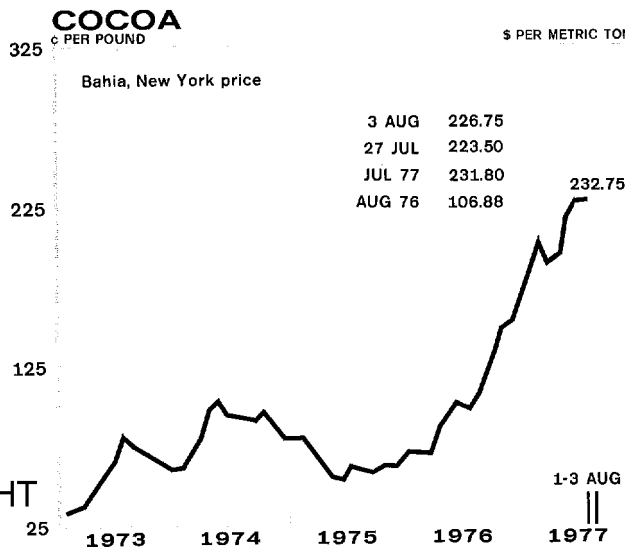
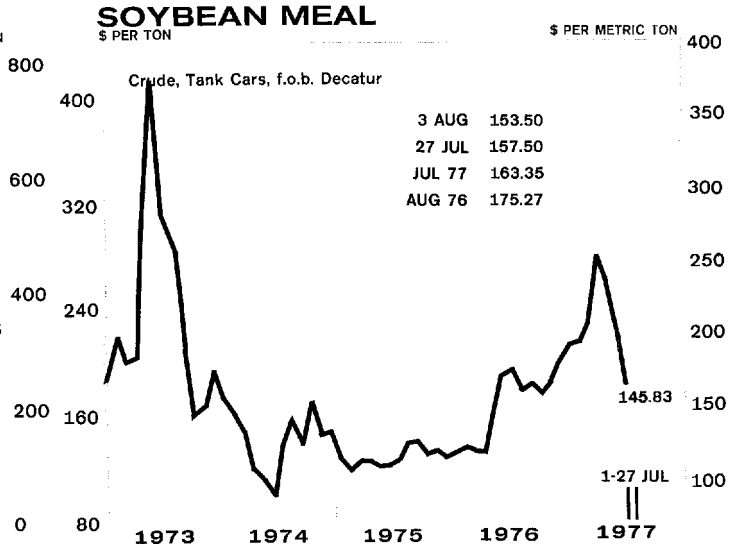
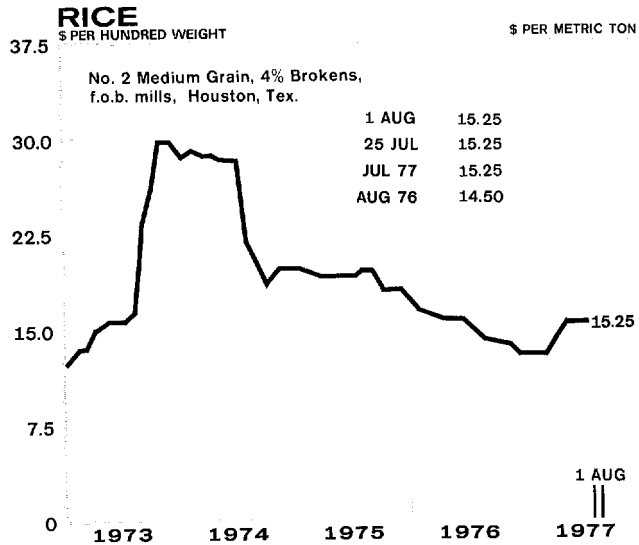
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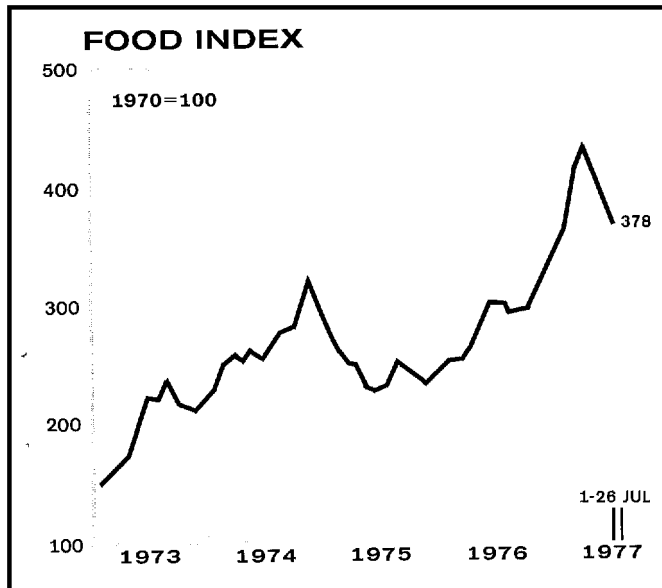
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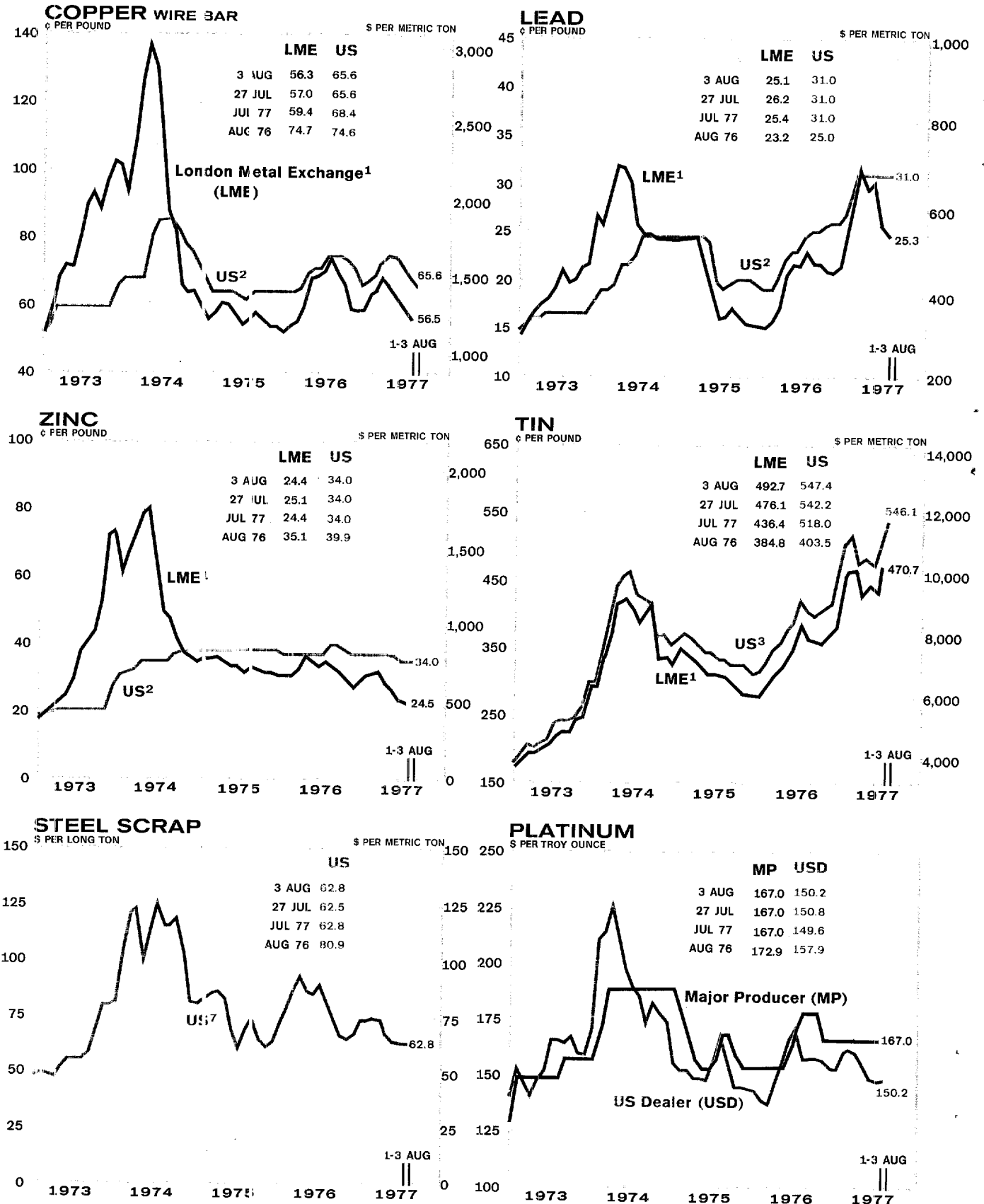
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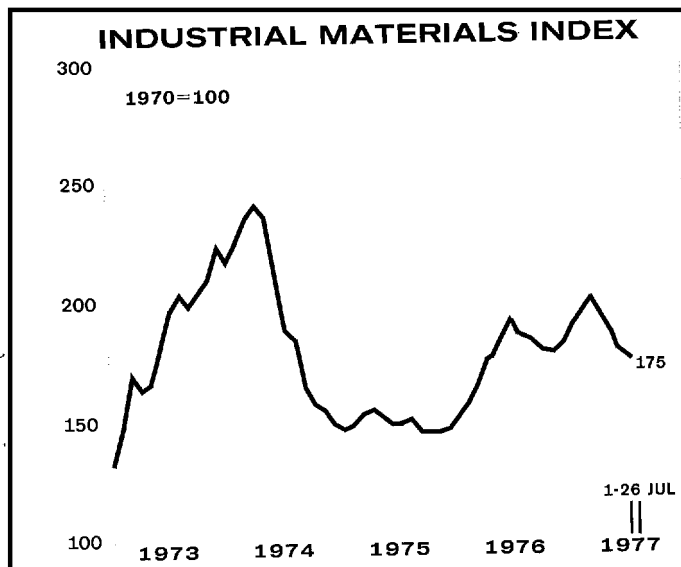
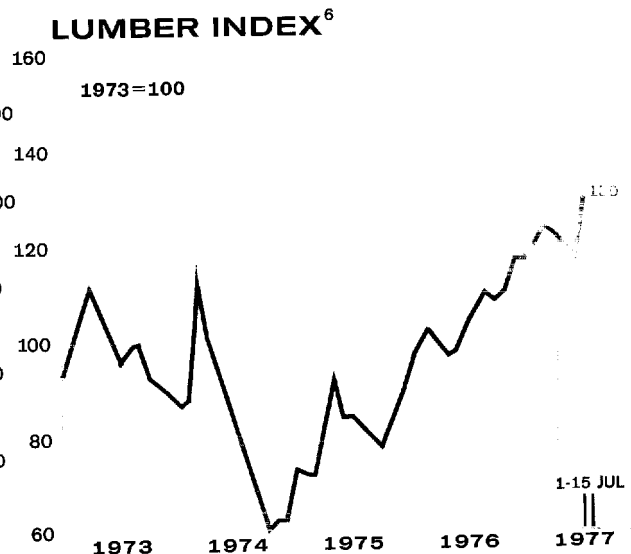
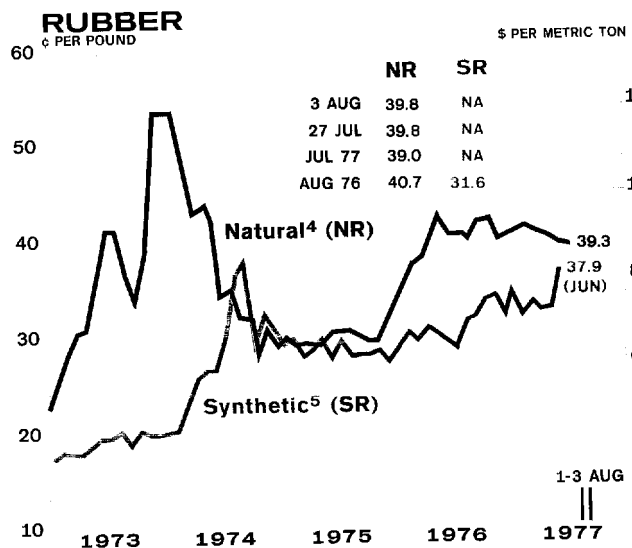
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INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICES MONTHLY AVERAGE CASH PRICE



SELECTED MATERIALS

			CURRENT	FEB 77	AUG 76	AUG 75
ALUMINUM	Major US Producer	¢ per pound	53.00	48.00	47.09	40.43
US STEEL	Composite	\$ per long ton	357.08	339.27	327.00	289.23
IRON ORE	Non-Bessemer Old Range	\$ per long ton	21.43	20.97	20.05	18.75
CHROME ORE	Russian, Metallurgical Grade	\$ per metric ton	150.00	150.00	150.00	142.50
CHROME ORE	S. Africa, Chemical Grade	\$ per long ton	58.50	42.00	42.00	42.70
FERROCHROME	US Producer, 66-70 Percent	¢ per pound	43.00	43.00	44.55	53.50
NICKEL	Major US Producer Cathode	\$ per pound	2.20	2.41	2.20	2.01
MANGANESE ORE	48 Percent Mn	\$ per long ton	72.00	72.00	72.00	67.20
TUNGSTEN ORE	65 Percent WO ₃	\$ per short ton	10,083.45	10,015.64	7,166.26	5,184.16
MERCURY	NY	\$ per 76 pound flask	118.00	167.55	110.00	140.00
SILVER	LME Cash	¢ per troy ounce	459.97	453.72	425.81	493.94
GOLD	London Afternoon Fixing Price	\$ per troy ounce	145.26	136.31	109.65	163.08



¹Approximates world market price frequently used by major world producers and traders, although only small quantities of these metals are actually traded on the LME.

²Producers' price, covers most primary metals sold in the US.

³As of 1 Dec 75, US tin price quoted is "Tin NY lb composite."

⁴Quoted on New York market.

⁵S-type styrene, US export price.

⁶This index is compiled by using the average of 13 types of lumber whose prices are regarded as "bell wethers" of US lumber construction costs.

⁷Composite price for Chicago, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.

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